

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims is provided below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A reusable sealable plastic drum comprising:

a plastic drum body with a convex upper chine having a convex radius and with a side wall having a generally horizontal drum flange extending therefrom and disposed below said chine, the drum flange having a substantially planar upper surface;

a plastic lid ~~having~~ comprising:

a panel, ~~a cover flange disposed below said panel, and;~~

an annular, peripheral mating channel sized to accept said upper chine ~~disposed above said panel,~~ said channel having comprising:

an inner wall, extending generally upward from said panel;

an outer wall, having an upper portion thereof extending above said panel and a lower portion thereof extending below said panel;

an annular, upwardly protruding lip disposed between said inner wall and said outer wall, said lip being in general alignment with said side wall;

a mouth for receiving said upper chine, and

a base surface for engaging said upper chine, said base surface having a concave radius, which is matched to said convex chine radius;

a cover flange connected to said lower portion of said outer wall and extending radially and outwardly therefrom, wherein said cover flange is disposed below said panel,

the cover flange having a lower surface to mate with said upper surface of said drum

flange; and

a lockband engaging said drum flange and said cover flange, whereby tightening of said lockband after said lid is fitted to said drum causes said concave base surface to directly engage said convex chine in a sealing relationship.

2. (Currently Amended) The reusable sealable plastic drum of Claim 1, additionally comprising:

a heel disposed between said lower surface of said cover flange and said outer wall; and

an auxiliary gasket compressable between said ~~cover flange~~ heel and said drum flange when said lockband is tightened.

3. (Original) The reusable sealable plastic drum of Claim 1, wherein said drum body and said lid are made from polypropylene.

4. (Original) The reusable sealable plastic drum of Claim 1, wherein said upper chine has a top width of about 0.190 inch.